
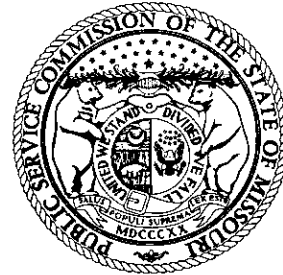


Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Data Center
All Commissioners
All Parties in Case No. **TO-2001-391**

FROM: Commissioner Connie Murray 

DATE: April 7, 2003



On April 7, 2003, I received a telephone call from Senator Robert Johnson of Lee's Summit, Missouri. He expressed a desire to change the Commission's statutory authority concerning Metropolitan Calling Area exchanges. The Commission is currently considering the issues discussed in this document in Case No. **TO-2001-391**. Case **TO-2001-391** is a contested case. The Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rule as a court of law.

Although communications from members of the public and members of the legislature are always welcome, those communications must be made known to all parties to a contested case so that those parties have the opportunity to respond. According to the Commission's rules (4 CSR 240-4), when a communication (either oral or written) occurs outside the hearing process, any member of the Commission or Regulatory Law Judge who received the communication shall prepare a written report concerning the communication and submit it to each member of the Commission and the parties to the case. The report shall identify the person(s) who participated in the *ex parte* communication, the circumstances which resulted in the communication, the substance of the communication, and the relationship of the communication to a particular matter at issue before the Commission.

Therefore, I submit this report pursuant to the rules cited above. This will ensure that any party to this case will have notice of the attached information and a full and fair opportunity to respond to the comments contained therein.

cc: Executive Director
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
General Counsel